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(57) **Abstract:** A method of preparing a purified, virus inactivated and virus safe antibody preparation from a starting solution comprising antibodies and contaminants, the method comprising the steps of: (a) adjusting the pH of the starting solution to about 4.6 to about 4.95 in particular to about 4.8 to about 4.95 to produce an intermediate solution; (b) adding caprylate and/or heptanoate ions to the intermediate solution and maintaining the pH at about 4.6 to about 4.95 in particular pH at about 4.8 to about 4.95, whereby a precipitate is formed and the antibodies are essentially present in the supernatant; (c) incubating the supernatant solution under conditions of caprylate and/or heptanoate ion concentration, time, pH and temperature optionally concentrating and diafiltrating the filtrated solution before pH adjustment; (d) applying the filtered solution with a least one anion exchange resin and optionally with two different anion exchange resins under conditions that allow binding of contaminants to the resin while not allowing significant binding<sup>1</sup> of the antibodies to the resin, wherein a purified, virus inactivated and virus safe antibody preparation is produced.